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SUBJECT: RESULTS OF FARAH MISSION : LESOTHO

1. LESOTHO PERM REP MOLAPO MET WITH MISOFF MORNING MARCH
11TO OUTLINE RESULTS OF FARAH MISSION TO LESOTHO.
MOLAPO EXPRESSED GREAT SATISFACTION WITH THE VISIT, AND
EXPECTS REPORT TO BE OUT LATER THIS MONTH.
2. ACCORDING TO MOLAPO, THE MISSION WILL RECOMMEND THE
IMPROVEMENT OF THE ROAD BETWEEN QACHA'S NECK AND QUTAING. THE
IDA (SIC) ALREADY IS WORKING ON A MILLION DOLLAR PROJECT
FOR THIS ROAD, MOLAPO ADDED. THE REPORT ALSO WILL CALL FOR
IMPROVEMENT OF THE THBATSEDA-QACHA'S NECK ROAD, WHICH THE
CANADIANS ARE EXPECTED TO PICK UP. THE FARAH REPORT IS
EXPECTED TO RECOMMEND THAT THESE ROADS BE TARRED.
3. THE REPORT ALSO WILL RECOMMEND THE IMPROVEMENT OF AIR
STRIPS IN NINE LESOTHO DISTRICTS, ALL TO BE TARMACED. THE
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ACQUISITION OF TWO TWIN OTTER AIRCRAFT IS TO BE SUGGESTED, WHICH MOLA
PO EXPECTS CANADA WILL PROVIDE. AN APPEAL WILL BE
MADE TO OIL PRODUCING COUNTIRES TO SUPPORT THE CONSTRUCTION
OF LESOTHO'S NEW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. IN THIS CONNECTION,
MOLAPO EXPRESSED HIS DISSAPPOINTMENT WITH A
MARCH 10 MEETING BETWEEN LESOTHO'S AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON
AND THE DEPARTMENT. MOLAPO ASKED "WHAT IS LESOTHO

DOING WRONG NOT TO RECEIVE A MORE SYMPATHETIC TEATMENT
FROM US IN REPLY TO AID REQUESTS?" MISOFF SIAD
THERE WAS NOTHING OF WHICH WE WAS AWARE, AND THAT WE
FELT OUT BILATERAL REALTIONS WERE EXCELLENT.

4. MOLAPO ADDED THAT FARAH REPORT WOULD CALL FOR NEW
HOSPOTAL AT QACHA'S NECK, AND CLINICS IN INTERIOR, AS WELL AS
CONSTRUCTION OF GRANARIES AND STORAGE SILOS IN NINE
DISTRICTS, HOPEFULLY TO BE UNDERWRITTEN BY WFP. A
PROPOSAL IS TO BE MADE FOR FOOD GRAIN WHICH PREVIOUSLY WAS
SUBSIDIZED BY SOUTH AFRICA TO BE SUPPLIED BY ALTERNATE SOU-
RCSE TO THE GOL AT THE OLD PRICE, AND SOLD TO BASOTHO.

5. THE REPORT IS LIKELY ALSO TO CALL FOR AN EXPANSION OF
CLASSROOM AND HOSPITAL SPACE AND NEW HOUSING FOR FOREIGN
EXPERTS, WHICH COULD BE A WORLD BANK LOAN PROJECT.
MOLAPO SAID THAT LESOTHO ALSO HOPED FOR LOANS TO BUILD
SHOPPING CENTERS AND GRAIN MILLS IN LESOTHO IN ORDER
TO REDUCE LESOTHO'S DEPENDENCE UPON SOUTH AFRICA AND
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